#14 3 AF 3100

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.

BY: Cherif Los

DATE: _

104 14, 2003

MAIL STOP AF

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Patent Application of:

Group Art Unit: 3745

Haruo KODAMA, et al.

RECEIVED

Conf. No.: 2837

1 6 2003

Examiner: F. D. Lopez

MAY 2 2 2003

Appln. No.: 09/652,090

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

Filing Date: August 31, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 9369-51US

(T37-124467M/TH)

Title: Hydraulic Drive Apparatus

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

Applicants in the above-identified application hereby petition(s) for a three-month extension of time to and including May 15, 2003 for responding to the Final Office Action mailed November 15, 2002. A Notice of Appeal from Primary Examiner to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences accompanies this Petition.

- [X] Our firm's check including an extension fee in the amount of \$820.00 (the three-month extension of time fee of \$930 being reduced by \$110 previously paid with a Petition filed on March 14, 2003 for a one-month extension of time).
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1017 (Billing No. 209369.0051) as noted below. A duplicate copy is enclosed.
 - [] Extension fee in the amount of \$___.00
 - [X] Any deficiencies or overpayments in the above-calculated fee.

05/19/2003 HAHHED1 00000029 09652090

02 FC:1253

820.00 OP

RECEIVED

Respectfully submitted,

MAY 2 2 2003

Haruo KODAMA, et al.

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

May 14, 2003

_____ By:

(Date)

RICHARD A. WOLDIN Registration No. 39,879

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP

One Commerce Square

2005 Market Street, Suite 2200 Philadelphia, PA 19103-7013 Telephone: 215-965-1200 **Direct Dial: 215-965-1296** Facsimile: 215-965-1210

E-Mail: rwoldin@akingump.com

RAW/KBG/cbf

Encls.